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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Assistant Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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